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The Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) has been active in the State of Sao Paulo in anticipation of the November elections. It has strengthened its position in the Partido Popular Progressista (PPP) and started other front organizations. The PCB is increasing the scope of its collaboration with other parties in order to gain more political power.

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Partido Popular Progressista

1. In line with the PCB's objective of reactivating and controlling a political party, Communist elements have infiltrated all bodies of the PPP. In the State Committee of the PPP as well as in its smaller local groups, the PCB has placed representatives in the less prominent but key positions while employing the strategy of offering conspicuous but relatively unimportant posts to outstanding non-Communists.\*
2. Since the petition for registration, accompanied by the required 50,000 signatures, has been submitted to the Electoral Tribunal, the PPP expects to obtain its registration very shortly, according to one source.
3. Another source states, however, that the PCB is basing its actions on the assumption that the PPP will not be granted registration. PCB members state that the government reached an agreement with the PPP at the time of the Rio Conference, to the effect that if the Communists refrained from conducting public anti-American demonstrations during the Conference, the government would grant registration to the PPP. The Communists now maintain that the government has broken its word and that the registration will not be granted.

PCB Front Organizations

4. The Sociedade Comercial Grafica Actualidades at Rua Noiva de Sao Jose 347 in Sao Paulo has published Communist theses, PPP propaganda, and literature directed against Presidents Dutra and Truman. This firm has outstanding Communists on its staff and is believed to belong to the PCB. The Uniao dos Centros Estudantes de Sao Paulo (Union of Student Centers of Sao Paulo) which is directed towards high school youth, and the Associação Paulista de Trabalhadores (Sao Paulo Association of Workers) are among the ostensibly democratic organizations launched by the PCB.

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5. The Sao Paulo police have permitted the PCB to reopen two of its principal offices which were closed when the party was declared illegal. The offices, located at Praça Joao Mendes and at Rua Gloria 146, were opened for the use of Communist deputies and the newspaper Hoje.
6. Various political parties are openly courting the vote of the PCB. Many persons state that the PCB leaders in Sao Paulo are authorized to negotiate with all political parties except the Partido de Representacao Popular, the party of the former Integralists. Presently they are bargaining with the Partido Socialista (Socialist Party), the Partido Social Progressista (Social Progressive Party), and the Partido Trabalhista Brasileiro (Brazilian Workers' Party). In Campinas, Sorocaba, and Sao Paulo the PCB is confident of forcing the election of the Partido Socialista ticket.

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[REDACTED] Jose Martins Costa, a physician, Mario Maia Coutinho, a lawyer, and Eduardo Sucupira, a lawyer, are Communists in key positions on the FPP State Committee. Professor Sebastiao Soares de Faria, who occupies the Chair of Commercial Law at the University of Sao Paulo, and Andre Nunes Junior, a highly respected industrialist and owner of shoe and drug concerns, are prominent non-Communists connected with the FPP.

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